

# The Lummi Nation Awareness Project on Pacific International Terminal

**(PIT)** kicks off this month with the goal of informing Lummi Nation tribal members about what is happening with SSA Marine's proposal to build a deep-water, bulk goods export terminal along Cherry Point just north of the Lummi Reservation.

The Lummi Nation has not made a decision to support or oppose the proposed development and does not intend to make a decision about this important matter until the evaluation of potential project impacts and associated mitigation measures is completed. In short, the Lummi Nation needs more time and information before an informed decision can be made.

Last February the Lummi Indian Business Council appointed a team to begin discussions with the Seattle-based SSA Marine as well as other government agencies. The team was also directed to inform Lummi tribal members and gather input about the potential benefits and drawbacks of the proposal.

At this time, SSA Marine has not received permission to move forward with the proposed development. There will be a long review process that will include an extensive Environmental Impact Statement that will detail impacts to Treaty Rights (fishing/culture) and the environment that the facility might have, and identify measures to avoid, minimize or mitigate these impacts. As SSA Marine is already conducting its own environmental studies, the Lummi Team is meeting monthly with SSA Marine to monitor their actions.

## THE AWARENESS PROJECT ON PIT WILL REACH OUT IN THE FOLLOWING WAYS:

- The Squol Quol will feature a monthly page that will explore this proposed development in words, pictures and maps.
- A project specific website will serve as the home for all information about PIT. All announcements and updates will be posted here.
- Tribal member alerts will be sent by email to Lummi tribal members when new information becomes available including event details, news media coverage and other project updates.
- Community meetings will be held for Lummi tribal members throughout the process to share and gather information.
- Mailings will be sent to all Lummi tribal members as necessary to make sure everyone is engaged and informed.

- Social media will be used to share information, particularly to the younger tribal members, who use Facebook and Twitter to keep informed.
- News media coverage will be monitored and provided to tribal members through e-alerts and the website.
- Digital Reader Board at the tribal center will be used to announce community meetings.
- Podcasts and Lummi Nation News will be used to share information about the project and announce community meetings.
- Text message alerts using the fishing update text system will be used to ensure tribal fishers are aware of project updates.

The **Awareness Project** will use icons to highlight topics and important issues



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